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SUBJECT: CSCE: BRITISH REACTIONS TO EC SUMMIT

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1. HUNTER OF FCO TOLD US MARCH 14 THAT UK IS GENERALLY
PLEASED WITH OUTCOME OF CSCE DISCUSSION AT EC SUMMIT AND
WITH FINAL STATEMENT AS REPORTED REF (B). HE NOTED THAT
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SOME OF THE SMALLER COUNTRIES ADVOCATED A JOINT EC REPLY

TO BREZHNEV LETTERS TO MEMBER HEADS OF STATE. UK RESISTED THIS SUGGESTION. HUNTER SAID UK HOPES ALL REPLIES WILL BE CAUTIOUS. ALL PARTICIPANTS RECOGNIZED IT IS NOT IN WEST'S INTEREST TO GO FIRM ON A DEADLINE FOR END OF STAGE II AT THIS TIME. ALL AGREED THAT WEST SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SOVIET DESIRE FOR AN EARLY CONCLUSION TO TRY EXTRACT SUBSTANTIVE CONCESSIONS. BRITISH ARE EMPHASIZING LAST PARA OF PUBLIC STATEMENT WHICH LINKS "BALANCED AND SATISFACTORY RESULTS" WHICH WOULD "MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO ENVISAGE THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE AT AN EARLY DATE.Z

2. HUNTER APOLOGIZED THAT HE COULD NOT GIVE DETAILED REPORT ON WILSON COMMENTS ON CSCE AND BREZHNEV LETTER MADE IN SUMMIT BECAUSE MOST OF THEM MADE IN SESSIONS WITH ONLY MINISTERS PRESENT AND RECORDS HAVE NOT FILTERED DOWN TO OFFICIAL LEVEL AS YET. HE WILL BRIEF US FURTHER ON THIS ASPECT NEXT WEEK IF POSSIBLE.

3. HUNTER SAID UK OFFICIALS WORKING ON CSCE ARE ALSO MOST CONSCIOUS OF THE REQUIREMENT THAT ANY EC ACTION ON CSCE NOT OVERLOOK THE NEED TO CONCERT POSITIONS IN NATO. THEY WILL EMPHASIZE NEED TO UTILIZE NATO AS PRIME ARENA FOR COORDINATION OF CSCE POLICY WITH EC MECHANISM USED TO SUPPORT DECISIONS TAKEN IN NATO CAUCUS.

4. WE DID NOT DISCUSS DETAILS OF REF (A) PARA FOUR OF REF (C) WITH BRITISH BUT WE DID SOUND THEM OUT ON RELATIONSHIP OF BREZHNEV HEALTH TO CSCE CONCLUSION. THEY DO NOT FEEL THAT BREZHNEV HEALTH IS A MAJOR FACTOR IN CSCE AND, WE SURMISE, WOULD BE SURPRISED TO SEE EMPHASIS PLACED ON THIS POINT.

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